

## ESF #15 – MILITARY SUPPORT

### Participating Departments/Agencies:

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency  
Nebraska Military Department  
    Army National Guard  
    Air National Guard  
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

### I. PURPOSE

To provide an orderly and continuing means of military assistance to local governments in their responsibilities to alleviate the suffering and damages that result from major disasters or emergencies.

### II. SITUATION

#### A. Disaster Condition

Local governments may be overwhelmed in their abilities to respond to infrastructure and life-saving needs caused by an emergency or disaster event.

#### B. Assumptions

Military Department (Army and Air National Guard) forces, acting under State orders, have primary responsibility for providing military assistance to local government agencies in civil emergencies.

2. Department of Defense (DoD) resources in support of civil authorities are provided on a cost reimbursable basis.
3. Department of Defense (DoD) resource provision will comply with legal and accounting requirements for the loan, grant, or consumption of DoD resources for Military Support to Civil Authorities.
4. DoD resource cost reimbursement from the Governor's Emergency Fund requires authorization from NEMA.

### III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Before, during, and immediately following a Governor's emergency proclamation ESF #15 will respond to requests for local assistance for which they are trained. All requests for National Guard support shall be directed to the NEMA for evaluation and recommendation for activation by the Governor.

B. The National Guard can be activated under two types of duty, State Active Duty and Federal Active Duty.

1. State Active Duty:

The Governor declares a State Emergency/Disaster and can activate troops mandated by Title 32. Specially trained troops can provide the first military response to a WMD incident; general purpose units may follow and provide support as their training allows or as directed by the Governor or the State Coordinating Officer. These units can enforce state laws.

2. Federal Active Duty:

Under Title 10, U.S.C. 331-334, the President may federalize and deploy all or part of the Nebraska National Guard to enforce Federal law or protect constitutional rights. These troops would be unavailable for State directed activities as they would be controlled by the Department of Defense.

C. In support of ESF #15, the Military Department will provide a representative to serve as the NEMA designated ESF Coordinator (ESFC) for ESF #15. In the event of a potential or real disaster event, the ESFC will be notified by the SEOC. Upon SEOC request, the ESFC will be available to respond to military support requests submitted through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). When activation of the SEOC is implemented, and the NEMA requests, the ESFC will activate ESF #15, identify which participating military assets are needed, and take steps to insure that the military assets are activated or on alert as appropriate.

D. ESF #15 may provide the following types of assistance:

1. Security to the incident site and or staging areas.
2. Search and rescue, evacuation, and emergency transportation of casualties, maintenance or restoration of emergency medical capabilities, and safeguarding the public health.
3. Emergency restoration of essential public services (including fire fighting, water, communications, transportation, power and fuel).
4. Emergency clearance of debris and rubble from public facilities and other areas to permit rescue or movement of people and restoration of essential services.
5. Recovery, identification, registration, and disposal of the dead.

6. Monitoring radiological, chemical, and biological effects; controlling contaminated areas; and reporting through national warning and hazard control systems.
7. Roadway movement control and planning.
8. Safeguarding, collecting, and distributing food, essential supplies, and materiel on the basis of critical priorities.
9. Damage assessment.
10. Interim emergency communications.
11. Facilitating the reestablishment of civil government functions.
12. Providing aerial reconnaissance of disaster areas.
13. Providing ground and aerial fire suppression.

#### IV. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ESF #15 will utilize personnel and resources from the State Military Department to respond to mission assignments related to emergencies/disasters. Additional resources available from other ESFs may be coordinated and mobilized to support ESF #15 missions. When requests exceed the state's capability to respond, additional resources (i.e. federal resources) will be requested to mobilize. All personnel and resources mobilized by ESF #15 will remain under command and control of military chain of command.

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